GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:85
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
SECOND NATIONAL LABOUR COMMISSION
A. VENKATESH NAIK;PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since examined the recommendations of the Second National Labour Commission;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations accepted and rejected separately;

(c) whether the employees/representatives and the trade union leaders were also consulted;

(d) if so, the views expressed by these bodies and reaction of the Government thereon;

(e) whether various State Governments including Delhi Government have criticized the recommendations of the Second National Labour Commission and the draft legislation;

(f) if so, the facts thereof;

(g) whether the Government are considering cutting down a number of legislation drastically;

(h) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(i) the time by which the recommendations are likely to be fully examined and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) to (i): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 85 FOR 25.11.2002 BY S/SH VENKATESH NAIK AND PRABHUNATH SINGH REGARDING SECOND NATIONL LABOUR COMMISSION.

(a) to (d): The recommendations of Second National Labour Commission are under active consideration of the Government. With a view to bring about a broad consensus of different interest groups, a series of meetings have been held at various for a with the representatives of Trade Unions, employers` organizations, labour law practitioners, eminent persons, academicians, etc. The recommendations of NCL were discussed at the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference (ILC) held on 28-29 September, 2002. The recommendations relating to unorganized sector were also discussed at the National Seminar on Unorganised Sector held on 7-8 November, 2002. The views expressed by different groups in these meetings, conference, seminar, tripartite consultations, etc. are being examined/processed further with a view to crystallize the views of the Government.

(e) & (f): Some of the State Governments including NCT of Delhi had expressed their divergent views at the 38th Session of ILC and suggested to hold Tripartite Consultation before accepting these recommendations.

(g) to (i): It is proposed to rationalize the existing labour laws into a few comprehensive laws on Labour Management Relations, Wages, Occupational Safety & Health, Small Enterprises, Child Labour, Unorganised Sector, Hours of Work, Leave, Working Conditions, etc. However, given the procedure involved, it may not be possible to specify time limit.